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SUBJ: REACTION TO SISCO TESTIMONY

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1. FOLLOWING ARE THE FULL TEXTS OF REFERENCES IN THE MAJOR TURKISH DAILY PRESS TO TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE BY UNDER SECRETARY SISCO JULY 10. ALMOST ALL OF THESE REPORTS WERE TAKEN DIRECTLY FROM WIRE SERVICE STORIES, AND THUS ARE HIGHLY REPETITIVE. NO EDITORIAL COMMENT DIRECTLY REFERRING TO THE UNDER SECRETARY'S TESTIMONY APPEARED IN MAJOR TURKISH DAILIES JULY 11-13.

2. NOTE THAT IN THE FOLLOWING, WHERE THE WORD "LEAD" APPEARS IN PARENTHESIS, THE REFERENCE TO THE UNDER SECRETARY'S TESTIMONY FORMED THE TOP OF THE STORY. OTHERWISE, THE REFERENCE APPEARED IN THE BODY OF THE STORY.

3. TEXTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A) GUNAYDIN, JULY 11, PAGE 1.

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HEADLINE: U.S. UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE SISCO ASKED THAT THE EMBARGO BE LIFTED IN THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE.

TEXT: (LEAD) WASHINGTON, (THS) -- U.S. UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS JOSEPH SISCO IN A STATEMENT AT THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SAID THE ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST TURKEY DECREASES U.S. EFFECTIVENESS, THREATENS THE NATO ALLIANCE, AND HINDERS THE SOLUTION OF THE CYPRUS QUESTION AND ASKED THAT THE EMBARGO BE LIFTED.

FOLLOWING THE STATEMENT BY SISCO THE COMMITTEE IN CLOSED SESSION HEARD TESTIMONY BY THE DIRECTOR OF CIA, WILLIAM COLBY.

IN HIS STATEMENT, SISCO DISCLOSED PRESIDENT FORD'S PLAN FOR THE LIFTING OF THE ARMS EMBARGO AND ASKED THAT THE 184,000,000 DOLLARS WORTH OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT ALREADY PAID FOR BY TURKEY BE DELIVERED IMMEDIATELY AND THAT MILITARY SALES TO TURKEY BE CONTINUED.

SISCO ALSO SAID IT IS AGAINST THE NATIONAL INTERESTS OF THE U.S. TO CONTINUE AN EMBARGO WHICH DECREASES THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE U.S., DENIES OUR ALLY TURKEY THE MILITARY EQUIPMENT NECESSARY FOR HER TO CARRY OUT HER RESPONSIBILITIES, WHICH THREATENS NATO, AND HINDERS PROGRESS IN CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS.

B) MILLIYET: JULY 11, PAGE 6.

HEADLINE: PROPOSAL TO LIFT EMBARGO DEBATED

TEXT: (LEAD) -- FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, IN THE LIGHT OF THE UNDERSTANDING PRESIDENT FORD REACHED WITH SOME MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE, HELD ITS FIRST MEETING YESTERDAY ON THE ISSUE OF LIFTING THE ARMS EMBARGO IMPOSED ON TURKEY. UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE JOSEPH SISCO EXTENSIVELY BRIEFED THE 34 COMMITTEE MEMBERS, UNCLASSIFIED

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EXPLAINED THE VARIOUS REASONS WHY THE BAN ON ARMS SALES TO TURKEY SHOULD BE LIFTED AND URGED THAT A SPEEDY DECISION BE REACHED ON THIS BY THE CONGRESS.

C) HURRIYET: JULY 12, PAGE 1.

HEADLINE: SISCO SAYS, "THE TURKS REFUSED OUR SECRET

PROPOSAL FOR ARMS".

TEST: (LEAD) -- U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER'S ASSISTANT FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS JOSEPH SISCO ANNOUNCED THAT THE FORD ADMINISTRATION, TAKING ADVANTAGE OF A LOOP-HOLE IN THE LEGISLATION HAD PLANNED TO CONTINUE ARMS SHIPMENTS TO TURKEY AFTER THE ARMS EMBARGO IMPOSED ON TURKEY BECAME EFFECTIVE ON FEBRUARY 5, AND THAT THERE WAS EVEN A PROPOSAL TO TURKEY IN RELATION TO THIS, BUT THAT TURKEY HAD CATEGORICALLY REFUSED IT.

SISCO PRESENTING THE PLAN PREPARED BY PRESIDENT FORD ON PARTIAL LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO TO THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES EXPLAINED THAT TURKEY DID NOT ACCEPT "CHARITY."

D) MILLIYET: JULY 12, PAGE 6.

TEXT: FOLLOWING THIS, JOSEPH SISCO, ACCOMPANIED BY HIS ASSISTANT HARTMAN AND THE U.S. AMBASSADOR TO ANKARA WILLIAM MACOMBER MADE A LONG STATEMENT ON THE REASONS WHY THE EMBARGO SHOULD BE LIFTED AND ANSWERED QUESTIONS PUT FORTH BY THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

SISCO STATED THAT THE CONTINUATION OF THE EMBARGO WOULD WEAKEN NATO, WOULD ENDANGER TURKISH-AMERICAN MILITARY COOPERATION AND THE STATUS OF U.S. INSTALLATIONS IN TURKEY, AND THAT IT WOULD CREATE TENSION IN THE REGION WHICH WOULD ALSO HARM GREECE, AND CONTINUED BY SAYING, "THE CONGRESS MUST URGENTLY ACT ON THIS. WHAT IS ASKED IS NOT A FAVOR. THE LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO IS A NECESSITY FOR OUR MUTUAL INTERESTS.

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THE PRESIDENT CAN GRANT ARMS...

SISCO STATING THAT THE UNITED STATES, WITH THE ARMS EMBARGO IMPOSED FOR (THE LAST) FIVE MONTHS, HAD SUFFICIENTLY DEMONSTRATED THE SENSITIVENESS THE UNITED STATES SHOWS FOR THE LAW ANSWERED SOME CRITICISMS BY THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS. AGAIN, IN ANSWER TO CERTAIN QUESTIONS THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE EXPLAINED UNDER WHAT CONDITIONS TURKEY ATTEMPTED ITS MILITARY INTERVENTION ON CYPRUS, DISCUSSED THE TALKS HE HAD THEN IN ANKARA AND ATHENS AND ADDED, "TURKEY MADE

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THIS LANDING IN CONFORMITY WITH INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS.

SISCO REMINDED THAT GREECE ALSO AFTER 1963 HAD BROUGHT TO THE ISLAND THE ARMS IT HAD RECEIVED FROM THE UNITED STATES, AND STATING THAT BANNING ARMS SALES TO TURKEY IS NOT RIGHT, CONTINUED, "THE OTHER NATO COUNTRIES ARE SELLING ARMS TO TURKEY. FURTHERMORE, THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH WANT ARE ABLE TO BUY ARMS FROM THE AMERICAN MARKET AND EVEN THE WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES MAY APPLY TO THE UNITED STATES IF THEY WANT ARMS. BUT BECAUSE OF THE EMBARGO DECISION, OUR ALLY TURKEY CANNOT DO THIS."

SISCO SAID THAT THE TOTAL WORTH OF THE ARMS ORDERED BY TURKEY AND ALREADY PAID AMOUNT TO 184 MILLION DOLLARS, AND THAT THESE ARMS ARE AWAITING DELIVERY AT WAREHOUSES. BENJAMIN ROSENTHAL AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN FAVOR OF THE EMBARGO DECISION REMINDED THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD THE AUTHORITY OF GRANTING 50 MILLION DOLLARS OF AID WITHOUT GOING THROUGH THE CONGRESS AND ASKED SISCO WHETHER THIS WAS TRUE OR NOT. SISCO BRIEFLY ANSWERED AFFIRMATIVELY.

AT THE MEETING, COMMITTEE MEMBER WOLFF WHO FOR A LONG

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TIME HAD DIRECTED THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST TURKEY ON THE OPIUM ISSUE, GOING COMPLETELY BEYOND THE SUBJECT OF EMBARGO, CONDEMNED TURKEY FOR RESUMING OPIUM POPPY CULTIVATION AND ASKED SISCO "HOW THE PRODUCTION IS BEING CONTROLLED AND WHETHER THIS WAS TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT." AMBASSADOR MACOMBER ANSWERED THIS QUESTION RELATING THE MEASURES TAKEN BY TURKEY BY WOLFF WHO WAS NOT SATISFIED WITH THIS EXPLANATION SAID, "400 PEOPLE CANNOT CONTROL 100,000 PRODUCERS. OPIUM SMUGGLING WILL AGAIN START FROM TURKEY."

E) TERCUMAN, JULY 12, PAGE 7.

SUBHEAD: WE DO NOT WANT ALMS.

TEXT: ACCORDING TO SISCO'S STATEMENT, THE PRESIDENT HAS THE POWER TO EXTEND UP TO 700 MILLION LIRA WORTH OF AID ON THE JUSTIFICATION THAT IT IS NECESSARY FOR THE NATIONAL INTEREST OF AMERICA." FOR HAS INFORMED TURKEY THAT AID CAN BE EXTENDED THROUGH THIS CHANNEL BUT THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT HAS REJECTED THIS OFFER STATING THAT "THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT DOES NOT RECEIVE ALMS."

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE STATED THAT HE COULD NOT "GUARANTEE THAT TURKEY WOULD FOLLOW A CONCILIATORY POLICY" ONCE THE EMBARGO WAS LIFTED.

F) SON HAVADIS, JULY 12, PAGE 1.

HEADLINE: SISCO SAID: "TURKS HAVE REFUSED CHARITY AID PROPOSAL"

TEXT (LEAD) WASHINGTON, (A.A.) -- U.S. UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS JOSEPH SISCO DISCLOSED THAT FOLLOWING THE FEBRUARY 5 EMBARGO DECISION AGAINST TURKEY, THE FORD GOVERNMENT, TAKING ADVANTAGE OF A LOOP-HOLE IN THE LAW, PLANNED TO CONTINUE TO SEND ARMS TO TURKEY AND HAD MADE A PROPOSAL, BUT THAT THE ANKARA GOVERNMENT HAD CATEGORICALLY REFUSED THIS.

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SISCO, WHO PRESENTED THE PLAN PREPARED BY PRESIDENT FORD EXPLAINED TO THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT "TURKEY DOES NOT ACCEPT CHARITY."

THE LOOP-HOLE IN THE LAW

ACCORDING TO A CLAUSE IN THE FOREIGN AID LAW, THE UNITED STATES CAN PROVIDE UP TO 50 MILLION DOLLARS IN MILITARY AID TO ANY COUNTRY ANNUALLY. IF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES DEEMS AS NECESSARY THE PROVISION OF SUCH AID FOR THE SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATE, SUCH AID CAN BE PROVIDED. THE PRESIDENT DOES NOT HAVE TO ASK THE CONGRESS FOR SUCH AID.

SISCO SAID FOLLOWING THE EMBARGO DECISION THE USE OF THIS CLAUSE HAS BEEN CONSIDERED, BUT HE POINTED OUT THAT TURKEY DID NOT ACCEPT THIS.

SISCO ADDED THAT HE COULD NOT GUARANTEE THAT "TURKEY WILL FOLLOW A MORE FLEXIBLE ATTITUDE ON CYPRUS," ONCE THE EMBARGO IS LIFTED.

G) CUMHURİYET, JULY 12, PAGE 3.

TEXT: ON THE OTHER HAND, UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE MIDDLE EASTERN AFFAIRS SISCO, WHO TESTIFIED AT THE COMMISSION DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY, STATED THAT THE FORD ADMINISTRATION AFTER THE EMBARGO DECISION WENT INTO EFFECT ON FEBRUARY 5, CONSIDERED TAKING ADVANTAGE OF A LOOP-HOLE IN THE LAWS, AND CONTINUING ARMS SHIPMENTS. SISCO POINTED OUT THAT SUCH A SUGGESTION WAS CONVEYED TO THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT BUT THAT IT WAS REJECTED. THE SADI İRMAK GOVERNMENT WAS THEN IN POWER IN TURKEY.

ACCORDING TO THE LOOP-HOLE IN THE FOREIGN AID BILL WHICH SISCO MENTIONED, THERE IS THE POSSIBILITY FOR AMERICA TO GIVE MILITARY AID UP TO 50 MILLION DOLLARS TO ANY COUNTRY. IT IS SUFFICIENT TO EXTEND SUCH AN AID FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE U.S.A. TO CONSIDER IT "NECESSARY FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF AMERICAN NATIONAL INTEREST." IT IS NOT NECESSARY FOR THE

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PRESIDENT OF THE U.S.A. TO CONSULT THE CONGRESS TO TAKE SUCH A DECISION.

H) YENİ ORTAM, JULY 12, PAGE 1

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